



Atty. Dkt. No 033995/0110

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: **Roderic M.K. DALE, et al.**  
Title: **METHOD FOR NUCLEIC ACID PREPARATION**  
Appl. No.: **09/223,957**  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The extension fee for response within the second month is \$195.00. A check for this amount is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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